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Massachusetts Black Sea Bass Commercial Fishery to Close During June 9 Through June 30

Massachusetts DMF and the National Marine Fisheries have projected that the 2000 commercial quota among all states for quarter II (April – June) of 738,837 lbs. will be taken by Thursday, June 8. This means that the commercial fishery will be closed during the period beginning Friday June 9 through June 30. During this period commercial fishermen are prohibited from fishing for - or possessing - black sea bass, and dealers are prohibited from purchasing black sea bass from fishermen as well. Fishing will re-open on July 1 for the next three-month quarter and the trip limit will be 2,000 lbs. Fishermen are reminded that the recreational bag limit is 20 black sea bass and sale is prohibited. DMF thanks you for your cooperation.

Squid Trawling Season Closed After June 8

Squid trawling with small mesh nets in Nantucket Sound, Vineyard Sound and waters around the islands under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth will be prohibited after Thursday June 8. The season previously was extended for 8 days during June 1-8. Sea sampling - as well as reports from dealers and fishermen - have shown the squid size composition has shifted to predominately small squid.

Fishermen are reminded that the summer flounder commercial trip limit will be zero pounds for all fishermen during June 9 through July 4. On July 5 the trip limit will be raised to 300 lbs. until the state's overall quota is reached.

For more information, contact DMF at Boston at (617) 626-1520